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CURRENT COINS

The coins of the United States now regularly issued under authorization of law are:

Denomination	Standard weight	Weight tolerance allowed by law	Lowest legal weight	Standard fineness	Deviation from fineness allowed
GOLD COINS	*Grains*	*Grains*	*Grains*	*Thousandths*	*Thousandths*
Double eagle	516	0.50	515.50	900	1
Eagle	258	.50	257.50	900	1
Half eagle	129	.25	128.75	900	1
Quarter eagle	64.5	.25	64.25	900	1
SILVER COINS					
Dollar	412.5	1.5	411	900	3
Half dollar	192.9	1.5	191.40	900	3
Quarter dollar	96.45	1.5	94.95	900	3
Dime	38.58	1.5	37.08	900	3
MINOR COINS					
Five cents (nickel)	77.16	3	74.16	(1)	
One cent (bronze)	48	2	46	(2)	

[1] 75 per cent copper, 25 per cent nickel. [2] 95 per cent copper; 5 per cent tin and zinc.

The coinage of the following ceased in the years named: Half and one cent, copper, in 1857; one cent, nickel, 1864; half dime and three cents, silver, and two cents, bronze, 1873; twenty cents, silver, 1878; trade dollar, 1883; one dollar and three dollars, gold, and three cents, nickel, 1889; standard silver dollar, 1904.

Under the act of April 23, 1918, the coinage of silver dollars was resumed in 1921 for the purpose of replacing an equal number of dollar coins melted under that act. Between February 21, 1921, and December 29, 1921, 86,730,000 such dollars were minted, of the type coined from 1878 to 1904. Since December 29, 1921, a new design known as the "Peace" dollar, has been used.

COMMEMORATIVE AND MEMORIAL COINS

The following commemorative and memorial coins have been made, but they are not obtainable at the mints nor at the Treasury; they

were distributed (usually at a premium) by the organizations having charge of the pertinent activities:

The Columbian silver half dollar, authorized by act of August 5, 1892, was coined in 1892 and 1893, and the Isabella silver quarter dollar, struck under act of March 3, 1893, in 1893 were for the World's Columbian Exposition held in Chicago in 1893.

The Lafayette silver dollar was struck under act of March 3, 1899, in 1899, the date on the coin (1900) being that of the unveiling of the memorial during the exposition in Paris, France.

The special gold dollars for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition held at St. Louis, Mo., in 1903, were coined under act of June 28, 1902, in 1902 and 1903, but have no coinage date upon them. Two types were struck, one showing the head of Thomas Jefferson and the other that of William McKinley.

The Lewis and Clark Exposition gold dollar was struck in 1904 and 1905, under act of April 13, 1904, the exposition being held at Portland, Oreg., in 1905.

The act of Congress of January 16, 1915, authorized the striking of fifty, two and a half, and one dollar gold pieces, also silver half dollars, for Panama-Pacific Exposition Co., all stamped with the date 1915. There were two types of the fifty-dollar piece, one being round and the other octagonal in shape. The exposition was held in San Francisco, Calif., in 1915, and the coins were struck at the mint in that city.

The McKinley gold dollar was authorized by act of February 23, 1916; the coins were struck in 1916 and 1917 for the McKinley Memorial Association, in connection with the erection of a memorial building at Niles, Ohio, the birthplace of William McKinley.

The Illinois Centennial silver half dollar was authorized by act of June 1, 1918, and struck the same year, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of that State into the Union.

The Maine Centennial silver half dollar was authorized by act of May 10, 1920, and struck the same year, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of Maine into the Union.

The Alabama Centennial silver half dollar was authorized May 10, 1920, but not struck until October, 1921. The coins were placed on sale at Birmingham, Ala., during the visit of President Harding, October 29; they commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of Alabama into the Union.

The Pilgrim Tercentenary silver half dollar was authorized May 12, 1920, and struck in 1920 and 1921, to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, Mass.

The Missouri Centennial silver half dollar was authorized March 4, 1921, and struck the same year, for the exposition and State fair

held at Sedalia, Mo., in August, 1921, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State into the Union.

The Grant Memorial coins, gold dollar and silver half dollar, were authorized February 2, 1922, and were struck in 1922, to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Ulysses S. Grant.

The Monroe Doctrine Centennial silver half dollar was authorized January 24, 1923, and coined the same year, in the San Francisco Mint, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the enunciation of the Monroe doctrine.

The Walloon-Huguenot silver half dollar, authorized by the act of February 26, 1923, was struck in 1924, to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the settlement by the Walloons and the Huguenots of New Netherlands (the Middle States) in 1624.

The Stone Mountain Commemorative silver half dollar, authorized by the act of March 17, 1924, in commemoration of the commencement of the work of carving, on Stone Mountain in Georgia, a monument to the valor of the soldiers of the South. Coined in 1925.

The Lexington-Concord silver half dollars, authorized by act of January 14, 1925, to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord. Coined in 1925.

The act of February 24, 1925, authorized the coinage of the following silver half dollars:

To commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Bennington and the independence of Vermont, to be coined in 1927.

To commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the admission of the State of California into the Union. Coined at the Mint in San Francisco in 1925.

To commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver, in the State of Washington. Coined in 1925.

The Sesquicentennial silver half dollar and the gold $2.50 piece, authorized by joint congressional resolution approved March 3, 1925, in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Coined in 1926.

The Oregon Trail silver half dollar authorized by Congress May 17, 1926, in commemoration of the heroism of the fathers and mothers who traversed the Oregon Trail to the Far West. Coined in 1926.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The mints do not buy nor sell old coins or paper money.

The mints do not segregate coins by years.

Mutilated United States gold and silver coins are purchased as bullion, the gold at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce troy, and the silver at the approximate market rate.

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There is no premium paid by the Government for the return of its coins or paper currency of former issues. No "proof," "pattern," or "experimental" pieces issued nor sold.

The mints do not undertake to pass upon the value or character of coins or paper money or decide questions in numismatics, whether referring to the money of the United States or foreign countries. Application for such information should be made to collectors or dealers in coins or editors of coin magazines.

The mints do not publish and can not supply any book or list giving the names of coin dealers or of anyone interested in the collection of coins, nor any printed matter descriptive of coinage operations.

All questions relating to paper money should be referred to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Mint marks.—Coins struck at the Philadelphia Mint have no mint mark. Those struck at all other mints of the United States are distinguished by a small letter near the bottom of the coin. These letters are: "C" for Charlotte, N. C., coinage discontinued in 1861; "CC" for Carson City, Nev., coinage discontinued in 1893; "D" for Dahlonega, Ga., discontinued in 1861, and for Denver, Colo., since 1906; "O" for New Orleans, La., where coinage ceased in 1909; and "S" for San Francisco, Calif.

MEDALS

Medals are made and are for sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

The prices given in this circular are for delivery over the counter. If the medals are to be sent by registered or ordinary mail or express, the charge for this service must be paid by the purchaser in advance.

If the remittance does not include postage or express charges, the package will be sent by express, "Charges collect," at the risk of the purchaser.

Remittances must accompany all orders, and should be in cash or post office money order. Personal checks will not be accepted. Make all orders payable to the "Superintendent of the Mint," United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

A list of medals of national character which can be supplied on order, with the prices thereof, will be found on the following pages.

Price List of Medals

PRESIDENTIAL

The presidential medals were formerly called "Indian peace medals," from the practice of the War Department in giving them as a friendly peace offering to Indians.

No.	Name	Bronze	Size	Engraver
1	Washington	$1.00	48	DuVivier.
2	John Adams	1.00	48	Unknown.
3	Thomas Jefferson	1.00	48	Reich.
4	James Madison	1.00	48	Do.
5	James Monroe	1.00	48	Fürst.
6	John Q. Adams	1.00	48	Do.
7	Andrew Jackson	1.00	48	Do.
8	Martin Van Buren	1.00	48	Do.
9	William Henry Harrison	1.00	48	Morgan.
10	John Tyler	1.00	48	Unknown.
11	James K. Polk	1.00	48	Do.
12	Zachary Taylor	1.00	48	Do.
13	Millard Fillmore	1.00	48	Ellis & Willson.
14	Franklin Pierce	1.00	48	Do.
15	James Buchanan	1.00	48	Do.
16	Abraham Lincoln	1.00	48	Morgan.
17	Andrew Johnson	1.00	48	Paquet.
18	Ulysses S. Grant	1.00	48	W. Barber.
19	Rutherford B. Hayes	1.00	48	Morgan.
20	James A. Garfield	1.00	48	C. Barber & Morgan.
21	Chester A. Arthur	1.00	48	Do.
22	Grover Cleveland	1.00	48	C. Barber.
23	Benjamin Harrison	1.00	48	C. Barber & Morgan.
24	William McKinley	1.00	48	Do.
25	Theodore Roosevelt	1.00	48	Do.
26	William H. Taft	1.00	48	Do.
27	Woodrow Wilson	1.00	48	Morgan.
28	Warren G. Harding	1.00	48	Do.
29	Calvin Coolidge	1.00	48	Do.

SECRETARIES OF THE TREASURY

1	Alexander Hamilton	$1.00	48	Morgan.
2	William Windom	1.00	48	Barber & Morgan.
3	John G. Carlisle	1.00	48	Do.
4	Daniel Manning	1.00	48	Morgan.
5	Lyman J. Gage	1.00	48	Barber & Morgan.
6	Leslie M. Shaw	1.00	48 x 34	Do.
7	George B. Cortelyou	1.00	36 x 24	Morgan.
8	Franklin MacVeagh	1.00	48	Do.
9	Wm. G. McAdoo	1.00	48	Do.
10	Carter Glass	1.00	48	Do.
11	A. W. Mellon	1.00	48	Do.

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1	David Rittenhouse	$1.00	28	Barber.
2	Robert M. Patterson	1.00	43	C. C. Wright.
3	J. Ross Snowden	1.00	50	Paquet.
4	James Pollock	1.00	48	W. Barber.
5	Henry Linderman	1.00	48	Do.
6	Horatio C. Burchard	1.00	48	Barber & Morgan.
7	James P. Kimball	1.00	48	Do.
8	Edward O. Leech	1.00	48	Do.
9	Robert E. Preston	1.00	48	Do.
10	George E. Roberts	1.00	48	Barber.
11	F. J. H. VonEngelken	1.00	48	Morgan.
12	Robert W. Woolley	1.00	48	Do.
13	Raymond T. Baker	1.00	48	Do.
14	F. E. Scobey	1.00	48	Do.
15	R. J. Grant	1.00	48	Do.

ARMY

[The dies of the first eight medals, commemorating events of the American Revolution and the War of 1812, were executed in France]

No	Description	Resolution of Congress	Bronze	Size	Engraver
1	Washington before Boston	Mar. 25, 1776	$2.00	42	DuVivier.
2	Maj. Gen. Gates, for Saratoga	Nov. 4, 1777	1.50	34	Gatteaux.
3	Brig. Gen. Morgan, for Cowpens	Mar. 9, 1781	1.50	35	Dupré.
4	Lieut. Col. John E. Howard, for same	do	1.50	28	DuVivier.
5	Lieut. Col. W. A. Washington, for same	do	1.50	28	Do.
6	Count De Fluery, for Stony Point	July 26, 1779	1.25	25	Do.
7	Maj. Gen. Anthony Wayne, for same	do	1.50	33	Gatteaux.
8	Maj. Henry Lee, Paulus Hook	Sept. 24, 1779	1.50	29	J. Wright.
9	Maj. Gen. Nathaniel Greene, for Eutaw Springs.	Oct. 29, 1781	1.50	36	Dupré.
10	Maj. Gen. Scott, for Chippewa and Niagara	Nov. 3, 1814	1.50	40	Fürst.
11	Maj. Gen. Gaines, for Fort Erie	do	1.50	40	Do.
12	Maj. Gen. Porter, for Chippewa, Niagara, and Erie.	do	1.50	40	Do.
13	Maj. Gen. Brown, for same	do	1.50	40	Do.
14	Brig. Gen. Miller, for same	do	1.50	40	Do.
15	Brig. Gen. Ripley, for same	do	1.50	40	Do.
16	Maj. Gen. Macomb, Battle of Plattsburgh	do	1.50	40	Do.
17	Maj. Gen. Jackson, Battle of New Orleans	Feb. 27, 1815	1.50	40	Do.
18	Maj. Gen. Harrison, for Thames	Apr. 4, 1818	1.50	40	Do.
19	Gov. Isaac Shelby, for same	do	1.50	40	Do.
20	Col. George Croghan, for Sandusky	Feb. 13, 1835	1.50	40	Do.
21	Maj. Gen. Taylor, for Palo Alto	July 16, 1846	1.50	40	Chapman & Peale.
22	Maj. Gen. Taylor, for Monterey	Mar. 2, 1847	1.50	40	Unknown.
23	Maj. Gen. Taylor, for Buena Vista	May 9, 1848	3.00	56	C. C. Wright.
24	Maj. Gen. Scott, for battles in Mexico	Mar. 9, 1848	3.00	56	Do.
25	Maj. Gen. Grant	Dec. 17, 1863	5.00	64	Paquet.
26	Pennsylvania Volunteers, action on Lake Erie		1.50	38	Fürst.
27	Maj. Gen. Scott (Commonwealth of Virginia)		3.00	56	C. C. Wright.
28	Col. Armstrong (village of Kittanning)		1.00	27	Unknown.

MISCELLANEOUS

1	James A. Garfield		$0.25	16	Barber.
2	Lincoln and Garfield		.15	11	W. & C. Barber.
3	Pennsylvania Bicentennial		.15	16	Morgan.
4	Valley Forge Centennial		1.00	25	W. Barber.
5	Lincoln and Grant		.15	11	Do.
6	Lincoln, broken column		.15	11	Do.
7	Japanese Embassy		2.00	43	Paquet.
8	Frederick Rose	May 11, 1858	2.50	48	Do.
9	Louis Agassiz		1.50	40	W. Barber.
10	Indian Peace Medal (George II)		1.00	27	Unknown.
11	Hosack		.25	21	Fürst.
12	First Steam Coinage		.50	17	Paquet.
13	Pacific Railroad		1.00	28	W. Barber.
14	Emancipation Proclamation		1.00	28	Do.
15	Cyrus W. Field	Mar. 2, 1867	5.00	64	Do.
16	Joseph Pancoast		2.00	48	Do.
17	Indian Peace (Grant)		2.00	40	Unknown.
18	Hayes, Indian Peace, oval		2.00	48 x 38	Morgan.
19	Garfield, same		2.00	48 x 38	Barber & Morgan.
20	Arthur, same		2.00	48 x 38	Do.
21	Cleveland, same		2.00	48 x 38	Do.
22	Harrison, same		2.00	48 x 38	Do.
23	Let Us Have Peace (Grant)		1.00	28	W. Barber.
24	Seward-Robinson	Mar. 1, 1871	2.50	48	Paquet.
25	United States Diplomatic, July 4, 1776		2.00	45	Dupré.
26	Great Seal		1.50	39	C. Barber.
27	Joseph Francis	Aug. 27, 1888	8.00	64	St. Gaudens.
28	Lincoln Centennial		1.00	38	Morgan.
29	Wright Brothers	Mar. 4, 1909	1.00	52 x 36	Do.
30	Abraham Lincoln		1.00	48	Ellis.
31	Woodrow Wilson		.50	32	Morgan.
32	Warren G. Harding		.25	24	Do.
33	Calvin Coolidge		.25	24	Do.

NAVY

No.	Description	Resolution of Congress	Bronze	Size	Engraver
1	John Paul Jones, for Serapis	Oct. 16, 1787	$1.50	36	Dupré.
2	Capt. Thomas Truxton, for action with La Vengeance.	Mar. 29, 1800	1.50	35	Unknown.
3	Capt. Preble, before Tripoli	Mar. 3, 1805	1.50	40	Reich.
4	Capt. Hull, for capture of Guerrière	Jan. 29, 1813	1.50	40	Do.
5	Capt. Jacob Jones, for capture of Frolic	do	1.50	40	Fürst.
6	Capt. Decatur, for capture of Macedonian	do	1.50	40	Do.
7	Capt. Bainbridge, for capture of Java	Mar. 13, 1813	1.50	40	Do.
8	Capt. Burrows, for capture of Boxer	Jan. 6, 1814	1.50	40	Do.
9	Lieut. McCall, for same	do	1.50	40	Do.
10	Capt. Perry, capture of British fleet on Lake Erie.	do	1.50	40	Do.
11	Capt. Elliott, for same	do	1.50	40	Do.
12	Capt. Lawrence, for capture of Peacock	Jan. 11, 1814	1.50	40	Do.
13	Capt. Macdonough, for capture of British fleet on Lake Champlain.	Oct. 20, 1814	1.50	40	Do.
14	Capt. Henley, for same	do	1.50	40	Do.
15	Lieut. Cassin, for same	do	1.50	40	Do.
16	Capt. Warrington, for capture of Epervier	Oct. 21, 1814	1.50	40	Do.
17	Capt. Blakely, for capture of Reindeer	Nov. 3, 1814	1.50	40	Do.
18	Capt. Biddle, for capture of Penguin	Feb. 22, 1816	1.50	40	Do.
19	Capt. Stewart, for capture of Cyane and Levant.	do	1.50	40	Do.
20	Rescue of officers and crew of brig Somers	Mar. 3, 1847	1.50	36	C. C. Wright.
21	Capt. Ingraham	Aug. 4, 1854	5.00	64	Cross & Longacre.
22	Capt. Perry (State of Pennsylvania), capture of fleet on Lake Erie.		1.50	38	Fürst.
23	Cornelius Vanderbilt	Jan. 28, 1864	2.00	48	Ellis.
24	Capt. Creighton, Low, and Stouffer, wreck of steamer San Francisco.		2.00	47	Unknown.
25	Same, by Congress	July 26, 1866	2.00	50	Paquet.
26	Commodore M. C. Perry, from merchants of Boston.		1.50	40	F. N. Mitchell.
27	Metis (shipwreck) medal	Feb. 24, 1873	1.50	40	W. & C. Barber.
28	John Horn, life saving	June 20, 1874	1.00	30	C. Barber.
29	Lieut. Victor Blue (State of North Carolina)		1.50	36	Morgan.
30	Shipwreck medal		2.50	40	Ellis.
31	United States Coast Survey, for gallantry and humanity.		.50	21	Unknown.
32	Departure of American fleet		1.00	38 x 50	Barber & Morgan.

WASHINGTON

No.	Description	Bronze	Size	Engraver
1	Time increases his fame	$0.25	16	Unknown.
2	Cabinet medal	.15	13	Paquet.
3	Washington and Jackson	.15	11	Unknown.
4	Commencement of coin cabinet	1.00	37	Paquet.
5	Presidency relinquished	1.00	25	Reich.
6	Allegiance	.25	19	Paquet.
7	Washington and Lincoln	.15	11	Unknown.
8	Washington and Grant	.15	11	Do.
9	Washington wreath	.15	11	Paquet.

The following War Department medals (badges) can be purchased at the Philadelphia Mint, by those entitled to them, upon presentation of a certificate of authority which can be procured only from The Adjutant General of the U. S. Army, Washington, D. C. The price is 50 cents each for the medals, and 65 cents if extra bars and ribbons are included:

Civil War.
Philippine Insurrection.
China Relief Expedition.
Indian Campaigns.
Spanish Campaign.
Cuban Pacification.
Cuban Occupation.
Porto Rican Campaign.
Mexican Campaign.

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